(3) M/s. Alankar Stationery art, Nai Sarak, Delhi Supplier of stationery articles for supplying Truemen brand Pens which were found as sub-standard.

(4) M/s. Kapil flour Mills, Naya Bazar, Delhi supplier of agmark atta for not conforming to Agmark specifications for supply of Agmark atta.

(5) M/s I.K Distributors, supplier of national brand Air Cooler for supplying substandard quality of Air Coolers.

(6) M/s. Mittal File Manufacturing Company, Chawri Bazar, Delhi, supplier of stationery goods for supplying goods not conforming to prescribed specification.

(c) Only one firm namely M/s. Alankar Stationery Mart was re-introduced after verifying the product for which the firm was blacklisted. Teh quality verification was done at the quality testing Laboratory.

(d) During the last three years about 205 complaints regarding quality of goods were received from Government Departments, out of which 24 Complaints were about quality of stationery items, 181 relating to different departments of Super Bazar like furniture articles, household goods, footwear, textiles and drugs. Super Bazar has reported that they have taken action for redressal of all such Complaints and all of them were dealt with to the satisfaction of concerned Government Departments

Development of GSLV

4936. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the development of the Geostationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV); and

(b) the time by which the launch vehicle is expected to be tested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Geostationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Project, to develop indigenous capability to launch two ton INSAT-2 class of satellites into geostationary orbit, was approved in November, 1990. During the last ten months substantial progress has been made. All the design parameters of GSLV has been finalised and reviewed both at subsystem and system level. Models of the rocket are under fabrication for carrying out detailed wind tunnel tests and procurement of long lead items has been initiated. Design and fabrication of facilities required for GSLV are also under way.

(b) Teh first flight test of GSLV is planned for end 1995.

Production of Industrial Alcohol

4937. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial alcohol producing units currently functioning in Bihar alongwith their total capacity;

(b) how many licences have been granted for setting up of new industrial alcohol units in Bihar alongwith the total approved capacity during the last three years; and

(c) whether there has been any change in the licensing requirements and procedure for industrial alcohol units in the new Indus-

trial Policy anncunced by the Government this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Seven distilleries are functioning in the State with total distillation capacity of 439.10 lakh litres (both for Industrial and potable Alcohol).

(b) None, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Withdrawal of Benefits of Subsidised Foods to Higher Income Groups

4938. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose withdraw the benefits of subsidised food through the Public Distribution System to higher income groups;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to enlarge its scope upto Income Tax payers only;

(d) whether such a step of the Union Government will encourage blackmarketing etc; and

(e) if so, further reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Does not arise.

Parity for Small Scale Sector with the Corporate Sector

4939. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Small Industries have demanded parity for the Small Scale Sector with the Corporate Sector; and

(b) if so, the details therefor and the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The Small Scale Sector though widely dispersed and unorganised have to compete with other Medium and Large Scale Sector. The Small Scale Sector has therefore, been given preferential treatment rather than parity. The new Policy Measures for Promoting and Strengthening Small, Tiny and Village Enterprises announced in the Parliament on 6th August, 1991 give added strength to this sector.

[*Translation*]

Scooters India Ltd.

4940. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the interest on deposits have not been paid by the Scooters India Ltd., Lucknow to the persons who have cancelled their bookings for Lambretta Cento;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to issue directions in this regard?